Dear Friends,

Greetings from the desk of the Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research.

Word comes from friends in Iran of foreboding, a general sense of fear that the United States might bomb the country at any time.
Afromix's latest online call to action: Global Networks of Intellectuals, 1927-2014: a superb lyricist, wrote this poem in 1981 (translated by Farzaneh Milani and Kaveh Safa):

... says that since the summer of 2017, about US $20 billion has left Iran. Companies have also fled, which means that parts for machinery and cars cannot be easily sourced. Production of... US President Donald Trump's harsh sanctions and his threats of war send shockwaves through the region. Buyers of Iranian oil have decided to wait and see how the situation unfolds. The key player here is China. How China...

All is tense. Shahram Khosravi, an anthropologist, wrote a moving account of a conversation with his friend Hamid – a veteran of the Iran-Iraq War. Our newsletter this week features Shahram's account, a... by 53%. A...

... practitioners. Hamid has been in the informal sector for decades. He rarely gets paid in time. Not getting paid on time is now normal –... of salary in arrears. Each week, workers somewhere in Iran go on strike to demand their salaries. Delayed salaries mean...

Airlines flight with 66 on board crashed in the Zagros mountains – not far from Hamid's village.

So have plane crashes. In 1995, US President Bill Clinton put sanctions against Iran's civilian aviation industry. This... workers have to take out loans to meet their basic needs. Less fortunate people turn to usurious moneylenders (who charge... rates at 70%). The interest eats into their unpaid salaries. The US sanctions have cut their lifeline. They are drowning.

Hamid checks the dollar's price each day. Far from his village, Donald Trump tweets about the war against Iran. On 19 ... with an 'official end' – a threat of extermination. When he does so, the Rial responds and Hamid sees and...

'Gohar Dashti'}
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